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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with

1. At 1/30 today I called to thank him for his interest in possible affilia-25X1A tion as a consultant in the CIA attack on the "flying saucer" problem. I told him we regretted that the urgency of his current 25X1A prevented association at this time. work for AEC 25X1A stated that he might not be able to actively assist even after March 1953 because of his work on "particle research". However, he would be pleased at any time to discuss the matter briefly. He mentioned two foreign nationals who were currently outstanding in related fields. One was who is an authority on the aurorae and its 25X1A associated "mysterious problems" of "ion path" and "magnetic focussing". Dr. O'Day (Director of Research at Cambridge, Massachusetts USAF Research Center) might be able to suggest 1A in this field. It appears that the Air Force has been studying upper atmospheric phenomena there with considerable vigor. 25X1A an "original 3. Another suggestion was thinker and outstanding researcher". He has written 25X1A thought some method of using one or both of these men might be devised 25X1C assuming the problem continued for an appreciable length of time and scientific attack was warranted. 25X1A 25X1A OST. 25X1A Distribution: Orig - Subject file / Carlos James 1 - Daily reading file the september 1 - Chrono file 25X1C 1 - Extra -

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Summarizing our discussion of today of the problem which have brought to my attention, I have learned that the question at issue has no directly visualizeable connection with the work which I am doing for the Atomic Energy Commission. However, I have discovered that the question at issue is both interesting scientifically and has important defense aspects. You have asked me whether I could take part in a meeting in Washington about the subject beginning Monday, January twelfth, lasting for five days. In reply I reported that I am perfectly willing to take part in such an interesting evaluation and planning session, if this participation is considered appropriate by the Atomic Energy Commission; or, in particular, by General Kenneth Fields, head of the Division of Military Applications. My primary obligation is to carry out the program for the Commission for which I am responsible here at Princeton. I consider this sufficiently important that I would not feel it appropriate to take part in these sessions in question unless told by General Fields that he thought this was advisable.

Thanks for your very interesting briefing about a very fascinating problem.

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